

**TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION MINUTES**

**January 26, 2004, 3:00 PM
City Commission Chambers, Second Floor**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

City

Commissioner Allan Katz
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Mayor John Marks
Commissioner Mark Mustian

County

Commissioner Tony Grippa
Commissioner Rudy Maloy
Commissioner Bill Proctor
Commissioner Bob Rackleff
Commissioner Jane Sauls, *Chair*
Commissioner Cliff Thael
Commissioner Dan Winchester

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

City

Commissioner Andrew Gillum, *Vice Chair*

School Board

Mr. Dee Crumpler

STAFF/OTHERS ATTENDING:

Ms. Anita Favors, City Manager
Mr. Parwez Alam, County Manager
Mr. Michael Wright, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Vince Long, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Wayne Tedder, Director of Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department
Mr. Jack Kostrzewa, Acting Executive Director
Mr. Greg Burke, TLCMPO
Ms. Colleen Roland, TLCMPO
Mr. James Johnson, TLCMPO
Ms. Jennifer Carver, TLCMPO
Ms. Glenda Francis, TLCMPO
Mr. Paul Hiers, Wilbur Smith Associates
Mr. Paco de la Fuente, citizen
Mr. Herb Thiele, County Attorney
Mr. Daniel Rigo, County Attorney
Ms. Debra Schiro, City Attorney
Mr. Dan Croteau, Leon County Schools
Mr. Paul Piller, Midway
Ms. Arleen Houston, Quincy

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continued employment relationship between the County Attorney's Office and the MPO is documented in a contract setting forth the terms under which the County Attorney will serve, addressing funding for the County Attorney's MPO-related activity, and providing a mechanism for dealing with potential conflicts.

MPO Action: *Commissioner Thaell made a motion to approve Options 1, 2 and 3, seconded by Commissioner Winchester. The motion was amended and accepted by Commissioner Thaell that for some reason the MPO cannot come to terms with the selected law firm to be the General Counsel, then the MPO staff and County Attorney shall provide a written contract setting forth the terms in which the County Attorney should serve. The motion was voted on and carried with Commissioners Katz and Lightsey in opposition.*

The MPO approved a motion to perform an audit of the MPO and how funding is spent for MPO activities. (49-14)

4. Discussion by MPO Regarding Gaines Street Roadway Design and Implementation

Mr. Craig Diamond presented a brief history of the Gaines Street project. The MPO has deferred final action regarding the 30% Design Plans for Gaines Street, possible transfer of ownership to local government, and funding commitments pending a presentation by Wallace Roberts and Todd and comments from Gaines Street Vitalization Committee. An analysis of the effects of alternative designs on the adopted redevelopment plan has been completed and reviewed by Gaines Street stakeholders and interested parties.

Staff Recommendation: Option 1: Accept the report on Gaines Street from Wallace Roberts & Todd, with comments from the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Gaines Street Vitalization Committee. Option 2: Do not direct DOT to proceed to 60% design plans for Alternative 2C; initiate the request to transfer Gaines Street from the Florida Department of Transportation to the City of Tallahassee; Option 3: Direct staff to provide appropriate traffic analysis, including the modeling of Gaines Street as a destination land use.

MPO Action: *Motion by Commissioner Katz, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey to approve Options 1, 2 and 3 with Gaines Street Subcommittee (Commissioners Lightsey, Gillum, Sauls and Thaell) working with FAMU/FSU and Consultant regarding the Gamble Street extension. The vote was taken and carried with opposition from Commissioners Proctor and Grippa. (53-10)*

IV. MPO DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING MPO ACTION

5. Florida Department of Transportation Work Program Variance Report (Agenda Item not discussed due to time constraints)

V. ITEMS FROM MPO STAFF